

| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b>       | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
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|                               | 09/888,659                   | KURTZ ET AL.        |  |
|                               | Examiner<br>Pierre E. Elisca | Art Unit<br>3621    |  |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 7/8/2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-14 and 18-25.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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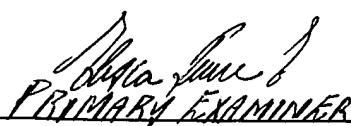
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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.



*[Signature]*  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The closest prior art Hower, Jr U.S. Pat. No. 5,467,434 discloses a printing arrangement of the type having a printer bank with a plurality of printers which are respectively associated with printer profiles.

IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin TDB-ACC-NO: NN95094425 discloses a collaborative multimedia annotation using a centralized document server.

JP02002023969A, Ichioka Hisashi discloses a document distribution/printing system that has a registering means for registering document data to be distributed in a shared printer from a distribution source terminal equipment.

However, neither Hower nor IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin and Ichioka singularly or in combination fail to disclose the recited feature:

As per claim 1 "wherein identifying the at least one resource includes identifying at least one printer which provides the print services, wherein defining the at least one attribute includes defining at least one printer attribute of the at least one printer, and wherein recording the real-time status and the historical status includes recording at least one of a quantity level of print medium, a status of a print media path, a quantity level of marking material, and a status of an input/output connection of the at least one printer".

As per claim 11 "wherein the availability system is adapted to record a status of the at least one printer attribute of at least one printer configured to provide the print services, including at least one of a quantity level of print medium, a status of a print media path,

a quantity level of marking material, and a status of an input/output connection of the at least one printer".

**Conclusion**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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